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1. During the 1 May celebration, the President of the Council of Ministers, Vulko Chervenkov, had to his right, in order, the following officials:

- a. Georgi Tsankov--Minister of Interior;
- b. Colonel General Ivan Mikhailov--deputy-Minister of the Council;
- c. Colonel General Petur Panchevski--Minister of National Defense;
- d. Lieutenant General Ivan Kinov¹;
- e. Lieutenant General Yonko Panov;²
- f. Lieutenant General Ivan Buchvarov--Chief of Staff of National Defense;
- g. Lieutenant General Zahari Zahariev--Commander of the Air Force; and
- h. Lieutenant General Diko Dikov--Commander of Army in Sofia.

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1. The position of General Kinov, immediately to the right of the Minister of National Defense, appears to confirm the report that he has become deputy-Minister of National Defense.
2. There are three possible explanations why General Panov occupied a place so close to Chervenkov:
 - a. Because he is a member of the Central Committee; all of the generals listed belong to the Central Committee and, with the exception of Shteryu Atanasov and Slavcho Trunski, all the generals on active duty in the Central Committee were on the reviewing stand of the Mausoleum on 1 May;

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- b. He has been nominated to an important post; and
- c. As a gesture to the general who has recently returned to favor after being purged.

The first supposition appears to be the most probable.

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